

attention to those which were calculated to render him more eminently useful. His reputation, therefore, for legal attainments, in connection with his high character for integrity, gave him a distinguished place in the list of candidates for the highest honours of his profession.

Of his qualifications in these respects, many of you have had opportunities of forming an opinion, from the manner in which he discharged the Judicial and Magisterial duties delegated to him in this District. I believe I am quite correct in asserting, that his decisions were sound and satisfactory. His impartiality was unquestioned. The zeal he evinced on all occasions for the suppression of vice, the reformation of offenders, and for the improvement of public morals, was highly commendable. His demeanor on the bench was grave and unassuming, patient and courteous to all. The satisfaction he gave in the adjustment of cases in the Division Courts, is universally admitted, and in proof I may observe that instances were continually occurring of persons strongly prejudiced against him, on witnessing the faithful manner in which he discharged his duties in these Courts, who were induced not only to appreciate his character and abilities, but who, from being opponents, have been transformed into his friends and admirers.

Nor was his usefulness limited merely to the sphere of his professional duties. Whatever was calculated to promote the welfare of his country, met with his hearty support. It was this that induced him to enter the political arena at the most critical period of Canadian history, and during the time he had the honour of representing these Counties, he distinguished himself as a true patriot and a sound and sagacious politician. Independent in mind as in circumstances, he fearlessly advocated those principles and laboured to uphold those institutions which he believed, in the sight of God and under the convictions of an enlightened conscience,